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In re application of Dwight Myers DECISION ON PETITION

: TO MAKE SPECIAL

UNDER 37 CFR. 1.102(c)

Serial Number: 10/735136 Filed: December 12, 2003 :

For: EASY ACCESS COMMODE SEAT

This is a decision on the petition filed on December 12, 2003, under 37 CFR. 1.102(c) to make special the above identified application because of the age/health of the applicant. Since the requirements of the M.P.E.P Section 708.02 IV have been met, the petition will be GRANTED.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only is Petitioner makes a prompt bona-fide effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the Examiner to accomplish this purpose.

Summary: Decision on Petition GRANTED.

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Dwight MYERS) Attorney Docket No.: 0027966.00002
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)

Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions that the above-captioned application, filed concurrently herewith, be designated a "special application" within the meaning that term is given under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), and advanced out of turn for examination.

The Applicant states as the basis for this Petition that the Applicant has attained the age of at least 65 years; to wit, the Applicant was born on April 15, 1930, and on the date of the application is 73 years old. In support of this Petition, the Applicant has attached hereto a photocopy of his birth certificate.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), this petition may be filed without a fee. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 18-1215.

Respectfully submitted,

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